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### FOREWORD

The aim of the staff of 1931 is to broadcast the many activities of our school life to all its friends and benefactors. We are sending out these flashes, in order to broadcast the life and character of our school in a way that will promote better friendships with a new progressive spirit.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the students and friends, who have helped in any way, toward making this annual a success.

If our broadcasting of school life has succeeded in promoting these new understandings, we will sign off at the end of this book, with the knowledge of having done our work well.





## DEDICATION

We, the staff of 1931, dedicate this third edition of "Mirror" to Mrs. D. V. Swanson, who has endeavored to make this book a success, by cooperating so willingly with the student body in all their trials and hardships, but finally bringing us through with a smile of success; and to all the mothers and fathers who have made it possible for us to receive the proper training and education in this modern building of ours.

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School—
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A.B. and B.S.

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School—
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Degree—
A.B.

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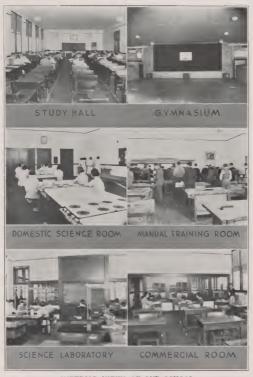
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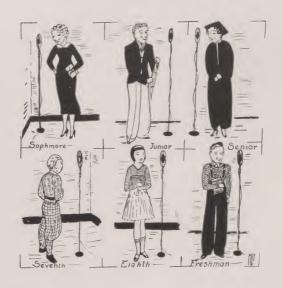
### OLIVE WOOD

Department—
Domestic Science and English
Activities—
Hot Lunch
Junior Class Sponsor
School—
Indiana State Teachers College





INTERIOR VIEWS OF OUR SCHOOL



CLASSES



### SENIORS

### EVELYN MAE COLE

Orchestra '27, '28, '29, '31; Commercial Club '30; Basketball '28; Baseball '28; Fannette Club '31; President of Health Club '31.

### FRED FAGEN

Dramatics '30, '31; Basketball '29, '30, '31; Baseball '29, '30; Track '30; Secretary and Treasurer Junior Class '30; Secretary and Treasurer M. H. S. A. A. '31; Echo Staff '30.

#### CHINEVEDE FORMEY

Baseball '28, '29, '30, '31; Basketball '28, '30, '31; Track '28, '29, '30, '31; Dramatics '31; Commercial Club '30; Vice-President Commercial Club '31; Fannette Club '31; Mirror Staff '31.

### GEORGIA GEBHARDT

Basketball '28; Baseball '29, '30, '31; Track '29, '30, '31; President Fannette Club '31; President of Student Council '31; Secretary and Treasurer Senior Class '31; Staff '30, '31; Dramatics '27, '31.

### SENIORS

#### GLENN GIERTZ

Vice-President of Class '28, '30; Baseball '29, '30, '31; Basketball '31; Track '29, '30, '31; Echo Staff '30; Dramatics '30, '31.

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DELBERT GUERNSEY

Dramatics '30, '31.

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Basketball '28, '30, '31; Baseball '28, '30, '31; Track '28, '29; Class Treasurer '29; Dramatics '30, '31; Staff '30, '31; Fresident Commercial Club '31; Librarian '28, '29, '30, 31.

### RUTH PETERSON

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Staff '30, '31; Dramatics '30, '31; Vice-President of Class '31; Secretary Commercial Club '30; Librarian '30; Uke Club '28, '29; Student Council '29; Secretary Fannette Club '31.





### SENIORS

### MAGDALENE SNYDER

Baseball '28, '29, '30, '31; Basketball '28, '30, '31; Track '29, '31; Dramatics '30, '31; Commercial Club '30; Uke Club '28; Staff '30, '31; Vice-President of Class '29.

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### ALICE WELLER

Baseball '28, '29, '30, '31; Basketball '28, '29, '31; Class Secretary and Treasurer '29; Vice-President M. H. S. A. A. '29, '31; Track '28, '29, '30, '31; Dramatics '28, '30, '31; President Senior Class '31; Orchestra '31.

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### RUTH WOODS

Basketball '28, '29, '31; Baseball '28, '29, '30, '31; Commercial Club '30; Fannette Club '31; Orchestra '28, '29.

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### WILBUR WOODS

Class President '28; Secretary and Treasurer M. H. S. A. A. '30; President M. H. S. A. A. '31; Dramatics '28, '03 '31; Baseball '28, '29, '30; Basketball '28, '30; Track '28, '29, '30, '31; Student Council '28.

## Seniors of '31 Starring in "Their High School Career"

Scene 1.

Setting-Harding High School.

Enter-A group of nineteen freshmen, neither frightened nor greenreally so self-confident no one attempted to initiate them. They started their high school career in the new Harding High School. They began to show their ability along the lines of mathematics, English, science and history.

Setting-Same.

Time-One year later.

Enter-A group of sophomores with a few changes. Four of the familiar faces are absent, but two new ones have appeared on the scene. Everything had begun working smoothly when fire swept across the scene. Due to the untiring efforts of school authorities, four portable buildings were erected within two weeks' time and the pupils were able to resume their class work. Although greatly handicapped, they were able to complete the year's work satisfactorily.

Setting-New Ross Township High School.

Time-Another year later.

Enter-Fifteen jolly juniors bent upon having a profitable and enjoyable year. They continued their studies, some elected the science course, and others the commercial course. They showed their dramatic talent by staging an excellent play, "Cyclone Sally". They gave a banquet to the seniors which ordained their reputation as enter-

Scene IV.

Setting-Dear Old M. H. S.

Time-Four years have passed. It is now 1931.

Enter-Fifteen dignified seniors. Three members of the class left at the end of the first semester leaving twelve to carry on. They staged another successful play, "Dodging Marriage". They made their last appearance on commencement night, when, as a reward for four years' work, they received their diplomas from the Merrillville High







### TO THE SENIORS

Oh year of years! The Senior year!
Graduation day is drawing near,
The day when from old Merrillville High
You must depart with many a sigh.

Soon now will come the closing scene
Of all your High School's pleasant dream.
In days to come you'll backward gaze,
And think of the good old High School days.

Oh year of years! The crowning year!

The last you'll spend in our High School dear.
So make the most of each glad day
To make your work and efforts pay.

Four busy years you here have worked, And seldom any duties shirked. May this ambition still be yours, Whatever Fortune o'er you pours.

When you leave here to enter life's school, Remember to follow the Golden Rule. What measure you mete with tongue or pen, It will be measured to you again.

Oh Seniors, soon the day will dawn,
When you shall join the mighty throng
Who labor in their chosen field,
And to defeat will never yield.

So when life's battle you've begun, And you see victory's nearly won, Keep up your courage, set your sails For perseverance never fails.

-Allene R. Frame



## JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

#### OFFICERS

 Vincent Gerlach
 President

 Bernice Koch
 Vice-President

 Mable Henning
 Secretary-Treasurer

 Miss Wood
 Sponsor

Flower-Yellow Rose

Colors-Purple and Gold

Motto-Learn as if you live forever, live as if you die tomorrow.

Having come thus far in our high school life, we anxiously look forward to the thought of becoming seniors in such a short time.

There were twenty-five members in our class at the beginning of the school year, but only twenty-three remain, one having dropped out at the middle of the term, and one having moved to a different locality. We have one girl and two boys on the basketball squads, and one of our members holds the position of official yell leader.

Our boys' basketball team with the help of the senior boys won more games than any other class team. Mr. Lemmel presented the junior and senior team with a trophy before the student body.

We have worked hard throughout the year for the purpose of earning money for the Junior-Senior Reception. We have sold candy at the basketball games which were played at home. Our class also gave a dance in the gymnasium, April 21. We helped sell tickets for a moving picture show which was given in the gymnasium. The Junior-Senior Banquet was given in the gymnasium, May 2, and we hope the seniors enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed giving it.



Row three—Robert Stark, Raymond Wehner, Gerald Bowman, Milton Gurnsey, Leonard Meyer, Louis Ameling, Frank Blimel, John Gruel, Harold Miller.

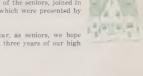
Row two—Vincent Gerlach, Alvera Waltz, Mabel Walker, Stanley White, Miss Wood, Edith Saxton, Helen Buchfuehrer, Mable Henning, Alma Christianson

Row one—Mildred Franz, Daisy Chester, Allene Frame, Helen Beach, Gladys Lindborg, Mabel Sader, Bernice Koch, Mildred DeKalb, Elizabeth Vander Lugt.

### JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY-Continued

We gave a class program which was made up of a dramatized Mother Goose Rhyme, selections by the class quartette and a radio feature. We students of the Health Club, together with a few of the seniors, joined in a party at Christmas time and exchanged gifts which were presented by Santa Claus.

Having prepared ourselves for our next year, as seniors, we hope that we have earned our merits in the preceding three years of our high school life.





### SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

### OFFICERS

 Jack Sunderman
 President

 Kenneth Bullock
 Vice-President

 Elwood Hoeppner
 Secretary-Treasurer

 Mr. Hauk
 Sponsor

Flower—Tulip

Colors—Silver and Pink

Motto-Fortune favors the brave.

We began our exploration in the "Land of Knowledge" as freshmen, and now that we have come to the second stage of our journey, we rightly feel that we have discovered something of worth to us.

Our class has twenty-nine members, all willing to go on. We feel pound of every one of them. Five boys and one girl have made the basket-ball squads and our class teams have made a record to be proud of. Our girls' team tied with the freshmen girls for the championship. Another game was played in order to determine the winner. We won this game and a trophy was presented to our team by Mrs. Lemmel.

During the course of the school year we presented a class program which was a success. It consisted of a five-act play with much humor; two songs which were sung and acted out by six girls; and a short dialogue, which showed the hardships of a foreigner learning the English language.

We also have had our annual class parties. Our first party was given by the girls, somewhat in the form of a box social which was enjoyed by everyone. Toward the close of the school year the boys gave the girls of the class a party which also was enjoyed.



Row four—Mr. Hauk, John Kobsa, Cornelius Mattes, Elwood Hoeppner, Jack Sunderman, Jacob Kreiter, Melvin Lobdell, Harold Franz, Leonard Sark, Richard Hacker.

Row three—Kenneth Bullock, Clarence Roushlange, Jerome Newell, Helen Baessler, Frances Walker, Alsie Burge, Raymond Kitchel, Clifford Sader, John Forney.

Row two—Lois Van Atta, Mildred Mitsch, Lola Bothwell, Edith Buchfuehrer, Elsie Stark, Amabel Butcher, Edith Harper, Lillian Klemm, Clara Winglaire, Mary Schmidt.

Row one-Francis Wehner.

### SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY-Continued

Two members of our class were chosen for the Annual staff. The art work for the Annual was done by one of our members,

Now having completed one-half of our high school education, we are hoping that our last two years may be as enjoyable as the first two.



### FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

#### OFFICERS

 Milton Shults
 President

 Ellen Boyd
 Vice-President

 Anna Clara Sowards
 Secretary-Treasurer

 Mr. Houchin
 Sponsor

Flower-Rose

Colors-Blue and Gold

Motto-Forward ever; backward never.

We, who have just begun our life as high school students, have before us the task of proving ourselves worthy of mastering that which lies before us. At the beginning of the term we were initiated thoroughly into the ranks of freshmen by the sophomore class. At this time the high school was present.

Our class began with an enrollment of thirty-eight members. Since then one has left the ranks of being a freshman, and two have moved out of this school district. We have one boy and three girls on the basketball squads and they are to be given credit for what they have accomplished in their first year of high school athletics. Two members of our class were chosen to enter the sectional mathematics contest at Gary.

During the year we had several parties, one at the beginning of the school year and one later. We also gave a class program, which was made up of acrobatic stunts, negro dialogue, kitchen orchestra, piano and violin isolos, vocal selection, and also a few other selections. It was a success gand provided sufficient entertainment which pleased everyone.





Row four—Albert Schoon, Ralph Schnabel, Earl Doepping, Mr. Houchin, John Paine, Milton Shults, Herbert Vander Lugt.

Row three—Anna Clara Sowards, Ruth Schoon, Virginia Halsted, Rheinhardt Harms, William Snyder, Marie Mattes, Bernice Taber, Anna Haspunar, Otto Gruel.

Row two—Catherine Schimdt, Margaret Meehan, Virginia Whalen, Darrius Van De Water, Ellen Boyd, Norma Lindborg, Anna Kobsa, Mabel Burkley.

Row one—Lawrence Fenske, Marjorie Windbigler, Pauline Yaros, Helen Huff, Helen Shults, Viola Roberts, Carmen Pierce, Doris Jacobs, Genevieve Mitsch, Lester Severance.

### FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY-Continued

Having come thus far, we hope to finish our high school years with happiness and hard work. We hope also that we have proved ourselves worthy of going on and conquering yet unknown foes.





Row three—Edward Appleton, Marion Davis, Delbert Demmon, Donald Weiler, Ruddy Kaiser, Francis Stowell, John Brewer, Miss Keeling. Row two—William Given, Alma Saxton, Margaret Yaros, Dorothy Meyer, Mary Crisman, Rita Miller, Ruth Van Atta, June Fowler, Edward

Row one—Fay Stringham. Members not in picture—Dorothy Emerson. Geraldine Forney. Ada Gramenz.

### EIGHTH GRADE

#### OFFICERS

Ruth	Van Atta	President
John	Brewer	Vice-President
June	Fowler	Secretary-Treasurer
Miss	Keeling	Sponsor

Flower—Lily of the Valley Colors—Orchid and Green Motto—Make the best better

We have not yet come to the rank of high school students, but are preparing ourselves in every way. The class started with twenty members. We now have twenty-one, one having entered not long after the beginning of the school year. We enjoyed several class parties and did our part in putting on a class variety program. Having finished our eighth year in school, we hope soon to take up the role of freshmen.



Row three—Robert Angerman, Norman Cole, Kenneth Strange, Lester Hacker, Jay Butcher, Vernon Kaiser, Bill Cole, Andy Shulatz, Arthur Vander Lugt. Nichols Schoon, Lester Miller.

Row two—Dorothy Popp, Alma Carlson, Anna Horvath, Betty Zimmy, Ellen Harper, Charlotte Kerns, Dorothy Heiny, Martha Sowards, Clara Mae Schoon.

Row one—Marcella Klemm, Fredrick Mandernach, Lola Brewer. Members not in picture—Leo Emerson and Andy Shulatz.

### SEVENTH GRADE

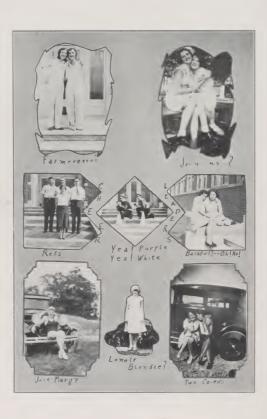
### OFFICERS

Lester Hacker	President
Frederick Mandernack	Vice-President
Ellen Harper	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Lemmel	Sponsor

Flower—Pink Carnation Colors—Green and Pink Motto—A deed a day.

We, who have just come to be known as junior high school students, are proud to be going to a school of this kind. We feel that we now have a new and harder task to accomplish. Our class consists of twenty-six members.

In the hope of preparing ourselves for our future years in school, we have done our best in every way to make ourselves worthy of junior high school members.





ATHLETICS



### BOYS' BASKETBALL

### MR. KENNETH HAUK

Mr. Hauk has coached basketball, baseball, and track in this school for three years. He came from Central Normal, where he received his training. His basketball and baseball teams have won more games this year than in previous years. Mr. Hauk resigned his position here the first part of March.

### GENERAL HISTORY OF BASKETBALL

When Mr. Hauk sent out the call for basketball players the first of Obbor, about twenty able bodied boys responded. After a month of hard practice on basketball tactics, our team with Elwood Hoeppner as captain opened their season by playing Valparaiso's B squad, who defeated us. The next two games were won from Dyer and Griffith. Then followed three successive defeats, the victors being Calumet, Crisman, and Valparaiso. Our team won the next game from East Gary, but were defeated in the two following games by Liberty and Washington.

The most exciting game of the season was the one played with Dyer which ended in a tie. Another game was played at a later date and our boys were victorious. Our team gained another victory from East Gary, but were defeated by Crisman, Calumet, Liberty, Wheeler, and Griffith. The last game of the year was won from Washington Township.

### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Athletic Association is made up of almost all of the students of the high school and junior high school. The dues of this organization are used to buy athletic equipment for the use of all students. Officers of this organization are Wilbur Woods, president; Alice Weller, vicepresident; and Fred Fagen, secretary and treasurer.



 $Row\ two$ —Raymond Kitchel, forward; Leonard Meyer, Glenn Giertz, Kenneth Bullock, Milton Shults, substitutes.

Row one—Richard Hacker, Clifford Sader, center; Elwood Hoeppner, back guard; Stanley White, floor guard; Fred Fagen, forward; Mr. Hauk, coach.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL SCORES

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### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

#### ETHEL LEMMEL

This is Mrs. Lemmel's first year as coach of girls' basketball. She came from Indiana University and much credit is due her for her patience and perseverance in training the girls in basketball tactics. The girls have enjoyed playing basketball under the direction of Mrs. Lemmel.

### GENERAL HISTORY OF BASKETBALL

Our girls have made a good showing throughout the year. They have wor leven games and lost five. During this year M. H. S. girls have scored 378 points against their opponents' 283.

More than enough girls for two teams reported for the first practice in October. After a month's practice, Merrillville girls opened the season by defeating Dyer's team on their own floor. The next game was lost to Griffith and the next won from Crisman. Calumet won the next game. Then came five successive victories from East Gary, Liberty, Washington Township, Dyer, and East Gary. Due to unlucky breaks three more defeats were listed against us, the victors being Calumet. Crisman, and Griffith. Games were won from Liberty, Wheeler, and Washington Township.

### CHEER LEADERS

Every team must be supplied with pep which puts the fight into players and forces them to go the limit of their strength. This is the task of the cheer leaders. Those who helped the players to be victorious were Milton Guernsey and John Forney.



Row two—Virginia Halsted, side center; Mildred Kuehl, center; Magdalene Snyder, forward; Mrs. Lemmel, coach; Alice Weller, forward; Guinevere Forney, guard.

Row one—Carmen Pierce, Mildred Franz, substitutes; Mabel Walker, guard; Alsie Burge, Ruth Woods, substitutes.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCORES

M. H. S. 24 There Dyer	
M. H. S. 10 Here Griffith M. H. S. 17 There Calumet M. H. S. 9 Here Crisman M. H. S. 47 There East Gary M. H. S. 38 Here Liberty M. H. S. 27 There Washington Township M. H. S. 27 Here Dyer	22 12 29 7 18 8 10 15 14 23 40 19 19 8 23 16





Row two—Richard Hacker, third base; Elwood Hoeppner, pitcher; John Gruel, substitute; Gerald Bowman, short stop; Harold Miller, second base; Stanley White, left field.

Row one—Milton Shults, right field; Kenneth Bullock, catcher; Glenn Giertz, center field; Raymond Kitchel, substitute; Mr. Hauk, coach.

## BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM

Although the boys' team did not gain so many victories this year, they improved their game over that of former years. It is hoped that they will continue to improve with the aid of new candidates of the lower classes.

#### SCORES

- Team	Score	Place	Team		Score
M. H. S.	2	Here	Calumet		11
M. H. S.	10	There	Griffith		2
M. H. S.	5	There	Dyer .		6
M. H. S					
M. H. S	8	Here	Griffith		- 4
M. H. S.	1	Here	Dyer		_ 4



Row (wo-Ruth Woods, substitute; Mildred Kuehl, third base; Georgia Gebhardt, first base; Mr. Hauk, coach; Alice Weller, pitcher; Magdalene Snyder, catcher; Guinevere Forney, short stop.

Row one—Alvera Waltz, short stop; Helen Shults, right field; Mabel Walker, second base; Lola Bothwell, left field; Lilliam Klemm, center field; Carmen Pierce, center field.

## GIRLS' BASEBALL TEAM

The girls' baseball team tied for first place in the Lake County Conference this year, but were defeated in the final game with Calumet. The girls won the championship of the Lake-Porter County Conference last year.

#### SCORES

Team	Score	Place	Team	Score
M. H. S.	3	Here	Calumet	2
M. H. S.	5	There	Griffith	6
M. H. S.	5	There	Dyer	4
M. H. S.	2	Here	Calumet	10
M. H. S	1	Here	Griffith	0
M. H. S.	11	There	Dyer	9
M. H. S.	2	Gary	Ross	10



## SCHOOL SONG

Joyous and ever loyal
Let us boost for our old High!
Let every heart sing
Let every voice ring
There's no time to grieve or sigh
It's ever noward, our course pursuing.
May defeat ne'er our ardor cool,
But united we will boost
For her our old High School!

## SCHOOL YELLS

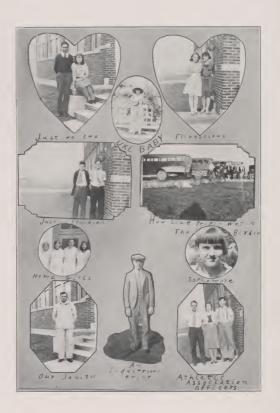
Yea purple! Yea white! Yea team! Let's fight! A bottle of milk! A big banana! We're from Merrillville Indiana!

Strawberry short cake! Huckleberry pie! V-I-C-T-O-R-Y! We will win it! Well I guess! Merrillville! Merrillville! Yes! Yes! Yes!

Your pep, your pep You got it, now keep it Doggone it don't lose it. Your pep (Repeat) Hit 'em high! Hit 'em low! Yea pirates! Let's go!

You can beat carpets! You can beat cream! But you can't beat Merrillville's Basketball team!







ACTIVITIES



Row two—Elwood Hoeppner, Georgia Gebhardt, Mr. Lemmel.
Row one—June Fowler, Anna Clara Sowards, Ellen Harper, Mable

one—June rowler, Anna Clara Sowards, Ellen Harper, Mable

## THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Henning.

#### OFFICERS

Georgia Gebhardt	Preside	n
Elwood Hoeppner	Vice-Preside	n
June Fowler	Secretary-Treasure	ei

Our student council is composed of the secretary of each class in the high school and the high school principal. Since we operate upon the six-six plan of organization, there are seven members.

Its purpose is to give the student body a voice in the control of school affairs and is therefore advisory rather than executive in nature.

Such organizations as clubs, class parties, dances, and other student activities often are given permission to operate under the jurisdiction of the school.



Row two—Alma Christianson, Snap Shot Editor; Mabel Sader, Literary Editor; Melvin Lobdell, Art Editor; Vincent Gerlach, Joke Editor; Elise Stark, Dramatics Editor; Alvera Waltz, Athletic Editor.

Row one—Ruth Peterson, Typist; Georgia Gebhardt, Editor-in-Chief; Magdalene Snyder, Associate Editor; Guinevere Forney, Business Manager; Mildred Kuehl, Assistant Business Manager; Mrs. Swanson, Sponsor.

## ANNUAL STAFF

The annual, to many, means only a great expenditure of time and money, but to those who directly are concerned in its making, it brings much joy and a great amount of experience.

It provides not only individual tasks for each of the staff members, but it opens to them new channels in educational pursuits. They come in contact for the first time with men of the business world in a business way and thus learn that the tasks of life demand untiring efforts and a great amount of enthusiasm.

The annual staff is selected carefully on the basis of their ability, because this type of work requires skill in organization as well as literary ability.



Row two-Mrs. Brittan, Mr. Houchin,

Row one—Helen Beach, Alice Weller, Ruth Crisman, William Snyder, Evelyn Mae Cole, Rheinhart Harms, Helen Huff, Ellen Boyd, Norma Lindborg, Allene Frame, Marjorie Windbigler, Viola Roberts, Mildred Kuchl

## ORCHESTRA

Our orchestra began this year with only a few members under the direction of Mrs. Brittan, who has led us with much patience. During the year the membership of the orchestra has increased.

Our first program was given before the high school one Friday afternoon. We have played on the community meeting programs at two different occasions. A few members of the Crown Point high school orchestra assisted us with the first of these programs. We also played several numbers on the farmer's institute program. Various members of our orchestra have appeared on other programs throughout the year.

Our orchestra consists of four clarinets, one cornet, two saxophones, one E-flat bass horn, one drum, four violins, and two pianists. We hope more students will join the orchestra next year.



Row two—Bernice Koch, Mable Walker, Edith Saxton, Georgia Gebhardt, Miss Keeling, Mable Sader, Allene Frame, Helen Buchfuehrer, Mable Henning.

Row one—Mildred Franz, Daisy Chester, Mildred DeKalb, Mildred Kuehl, Guinevere Forney, Alvera Waltz, Alma Christianson.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB

#### OFFICEDS

Mildred Kuehl	President
Guinevere Forney	Vice-President
Daisy Chester	Secretary
Mildred DeKalb	Treasurer
Miss Keeling	Sponsor

Colors—Green and White Flower—Lily of the Valley Motto—Always work for the best.

The purpose of this organization is to promote a better understanding of the business problems of today. Through the study of improved methods of business a student is better fitted to carry on his work in the business world after leaving school. This organization endeavors to instill in the minds of its members the importance of speed, accuracy, and perfect workmanship.



Row three—Mr. Hauk, Leonard Meyer, Robert Stark, Gerald Bowman, Milton Guernsey, Louis Ameling, Frank Blimel, John Gruel.

Row two—Vincent Gerlach, Alvera Waltz, Mabel Walker, Stanley White, Evelyn Mae Cole, Edith Saxton, Helen Buchfuehrer, Mable Henning, Alma Christianson.

Row one—Mildred Franz, Daisy Chester, Allene Frame, Gladys Lindborg, Mable Sader, Bernice Koch, Mildred DeKalb, Elizabeth Vander Lugt.

## THE JUNIOR HEALTH CLUB

#### OFFICEDS

Evelyn Mae Cole	President
Edith Saxton	Vice-President
Bernice Koch	Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Hauk	Sponsor

The Junior Health Club of the Merrillville High School organized November 15, 1930 is composed of members of the junior and senior classes. The purpose of this club is to study and promote health in this community.

On December 23, a Christmas party was given by this organization. The climax of the party was an unexpected visit from Santa Claus who distributed gifts to all members present.

The club, as yet, has not attempted any definite work in the community, but it has an extensive program planned for next year.



Mildred Kuehl, Ruth Crisman, Alice Weller, Fred Fagan, Glenn Giertz, Ruth Peterson, Wilbur Woods, Delbert Guernsey, Georgia Gebhardt, Mr. Lemmel, Magdalene Snyder, Guinevere Forney.

## DODGING MARRIAGE

#### CAST

Jimmy Brown, in love with Mary Davis

Mrs. Bedell, Jimmy's Aunt
Sydney Smith, Jimmy's best friend
Mylbur Woods
Mary Davis, Jimmy's sweetheart
Margaret, Sydney's girl
Ethel, friend of Mary and Jimmy
Mrs. Bunnington, an aspirant for wealth
Eleanor, her daughter
Bill and Pete, friends of the boys, who pose as officers of the law

Glenn Giertz and Delbert Guernsey

This play was given by the members of the senior class, in the high school gymnasium, February 11, both in the afternoon and evening. The play had a humorous plot which everyone enjoyed. School furniture was used for the setting, and the various persons in the play contributed toward the decoration of the stage. Every one worked hard to make the play a success.



Row three—Lester Hacker, Edward Appleton, Marion Davis, Delbert Demmon, Donald Weiler, Ruddy Kaiser, Jay Butcher, Kenneth Strange, Francis Stowell.

Row two—Lola Brewer, Alma Saxton, Ruth Van Atta, Dorothy Meyer, Betty Zimmy, Mary Crisman, Rita Miller, June Fowler, Margaret Yaros, Harriet Martha Sowards, Alma Carlson.

Row one—Edward Roberts, Norman Cole, John Brewer, William Given, Fay Stringham, Robert Angerman, Frederick Mandernach.—Members not in the picture are Mrs. Lemmel, Leo Emerson, Geraldine Forney, Ada Gramenz, Andv Shulatz.

## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY CLUB

#### OFFICEDS

John Brewer		President
Lester Hacker	S	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Lemmel		Sponsor

The Merrillville Junior High School Literary Club was organized December 5, 1930. The purposes of this club are: to foster the reading of good books, to practice good reading habits, to learn the methods of debating, and to respond when called upon to participate in any school program with something worth while.

## CALENDAR 1930-31

#### AUGUST

Saturday 30-Registration.

#### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2—School begins with 158 enrollment. Thursday 11—We played baseball with Calumet Township, here. Freshman initiation.

Friday 12-Day off for Lake County fair.

Friday 19-We played baseball with Griffith at Wicker Park.

Friday 26-We played baseball with Dyer, there.

#### OCTOBER

Friday 3—We played baseball with Calumet Township at Riverside Park. Friday 10—We played Griffith in baseball, here. M. H. S. A. A. Dance. Wednesday 15—We played baseball with Dyer, here. Thursday 16—Hoffman, the magician, entertained us. Friday 17—Championship baseball game between Calumet and Liberty

Center, here. Friday 30—M. H. S. A. A. Dance.

#### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 11—Armistice Day Program.
Tuesday 25—Thanksgiving Day Program.
Wednesday 26—Beginning of Thanksgiving vacation.

#### ECEMBER

Friday 19—Rev. Williams speaks to the student body. Saturday 20—Dance given for the benefit of the Annual. Wednesday 24—Beginning of Christmas vacation.

#### TANIJARV

Monday 5—End of Christmas vacation. Tuesday 6—Examinations. Wednesday 7—Examinations continued.

Monday 12—New pictures for school walls.

Wednesday 14—Lake County Farmers' Institute.

Wednesday 21—Teachers' and bus drivers' basketball game. Annual Dance after the game.

Wednesday 28—The alumni and teachers basketball game for the benefit of the Annual. Free dance by Mr. Buchfuehrer after the game. Seniors gave their program.

Thursday 29—The senior boys are all dressed up; they are getting their pictures taken.

Friday 30-Miss Reed resigns.

#### EBRUARY

Monday 2—Mr. Houchin takes Miss Reed's place as Biology teacher. Tuesday 3—Tie in boys' basketball between Merrillville and Dyer played off. We won. Friday 6-Miss Smith and Mrs. Pendleton from the T. B. Hospital entertained us with some health films on the care of the teeth.

Wednesday 11-Junior program.

Monday 16-All organization and class pictures taken for the Annual. Tuesday 17-Senior Play, "Dodging Marriage", is given in the afternoon and at night.

Monday 23—Everybody seems to have a cold. Tuesday 24—The commercial club meets after school.

Friday 27-Last basketball game of the season. We play Wheeler, here.

Wednesday 4-Sophomores give class program.

Friday 6-Beginning of the basketball tourney at Gary.

Monday 9-Snow, no school.

Wednesday 11-Back to work after our annual vacation, on account of snow. The boys are all excited—two new girls have come to school. Friday 13—Unlucky—look at the date.

Monday 16-The sophomore and freshman girls played the final interclass team basketball game for the championship. Score 8-14 in favor of the sophomores.

Tuesday 17-A whole school of freshmen today, St. Patrick's day,

Thursday 19-Game at noon between the sophomore girls and the squad girls.

Saturday 21-Marjorie Windbigler and Norma Lindborg take sectional examination in the mathematical contest at Gary.

Monday 23-Mr. Jones, a new teacher, takes Mr. Hauk's classes.

Tuesday 24-Princess Wanita speaks to the students today telling of the program to be given Thursday night.

Wednesday 25—Freshman program. Thursday 26—"California in '49."

Friday 27-Illustrated lecture on the development of the West.

Wednesday 1-All fool's day. Annual goes to press. Wednesday 8-Junior high school program. Tuesday 21-Junior Dance.

#### MAY

Saturday 2-Senior Reception.

Final Examinations.

Sunday 10-Baccalaureate services at the Church.

Thursday 14-Field meet at Liberty Center. Commencement.

JOKES

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Mr. Lemmel—Can anyone see the reason why they didn't have any divorces in that city.

Gerald Bowman-Probably none of the people were married.

#### 4 4 4

Miss Wood—How can you explain the fact that the woman in this story used to be a mermaid?

Mildred Franz-That sounds fishy.

#### 36, 36,

Norman Cole—I hear your brother isn't on the football team any more.

Ruddy Kaiser-No, they kicked him off.

Norman-Why did they do that?

Ruddy-They told him to tackle the dummy and he tackled the coach.

#### 36, 36, 36,

Alice Weller calls her boy friend maple sugar because he's such a refined sap.

#### 4 36 56

Miss Wood—The magician in this story changes a bump into a loaf of bread.

John Gruel-It must have been "Wonder Bread".

#### 4 4 4

A lady motorist was driving along a country road when she spied a couple of repairmen climbing telephone poles. "Fools!" she exclaimed to her companion, "They must think I never drove a car before."

#### .48

Teacher—Now children what was the former ruler of Russia called? Children—Czar.

Teacher-Correct and now what was his wife called?

Class-Czarina.

Teacher—Very good, now who can tell me what their children were alled?

Happy—Czardines.

#### 4 4 4

Mrs. Swanson, trying to explain a geometry problem written on the board—Now children watch the blackboard closely and I will go through it again.

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"A lot of horse sense has vanished with the horse."

#### 26, 26, 3

Margaret Meehan—If a burglar entered the cellar would the coal chute?

Virginia Whalen-No, but perhaps the kindling wood.

Miss Reed—Clifford, have you changed the water in the gold fish bowl today?

Clifford Sader—Why, no, they haven't finished drinking the first bowlful yet.

#### .4 .4 .4

Mr. Lemmel-Dick, what did you do during your vacation?

Dick Hacker—Well, I had a blacksmith's job in a candy factory.

Mr. Lemmel—A blacksmith's job in a candy factory? Why I never heard of such a thing.

Dick Hacker-Why sure-I was shoen' flies.

## THANKSGIVING

To make me truly thankful, Says Robert Stark, by heck A turkey should have seven legs And not a bit of neck.

#### . 1 .4 .

Mable Henning—Yesterday I saw sixteen men under one umbrella and none of them were wet.

Alma Christianson—How was that? Mable Henning—It wasn't raining.

#### 6, 36, 3

Manager—The man that gets this position should be able to answer a lot of questions, can you?

Mr. Smith—I ought to be able to, I'm the father of seven children.

#### A .4 .5

Willie met Ellen in a garden,
The night was still as death.
He knew she knew her onions
He could smell them on her breath.

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Mr. Hauk-What is excelsion!

Otto Gruel-Long sawdust.

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Teacher-What people are scattered all over the earth?

Peanuts—Look, Melvin, I weigh three pounds more than you. Melvin—Aw—you're cheatin', you've got your hands in your pockets.

34 34 34

Mrs. Lemmel—All of you students will remain in the assembly after the bell rings.

Voice from the back of the room—Give me liberty or give me death.

Mrs. Lemmel (angrily)—Who said that?

Same voice-Patrick Henry.

4 ,4

Miss Wood-John, name another work of Tennyson.

John Gruel—"Ask Me No More."

.46

Now that Jack is going to school his mother won't have to take so much time out to spread bread with jam and butter.

.16 .16

Robert Stark—Say, Ray, why do you call your girl friend Aurora Borealis?

Raymond Wehner-'Cause she's beautiful but cold.

.96 .96

Mrs. Swanson to Jack in Arithmetic class—Why aren't you writing, Jack?

Jack Sunderman—Well—me and Alfred are in partnership on this pencil and it happens to be his turn.

.46 (A)

Mr. Houchin—If you bored a hole through the earth at Vancouver, where would you come out?

Mildred DeKalb-At the other end of the hole.

.46 .46

Miss Keeling-Why do we have two eyes and one tongue?

Leonard Sark—That's nature's hint that we should do twice as much seeing as talking.

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Mildred Franz—Say, Helen, I heard that you went on a gangster date last night.

Helen Buchfuehrer-A gangster date, what do you mean?

Mildred Franz-Oh, you were taken for a ride.

#### 4 4 4

Wilbur Woods—Why do they call these midget golf courses, miniature courses?

Fred Fagen-'Cause in a minature (minute your) through.

#### 4 4 4

Mr. Lemmel—Delbert, why are you late again? Don't you know that the early bird gets the worm?

Delbert Guernsey—Yes, but look what the worm gets for gettin' up early.

#### 42 42

Uncle Silas was sitting on the fence the other day, dreaming and whittling when a flivver rushed by, closely followed by a motorcycle. Silas lives back in the hills on a very little traveled road. He exclaimed, "Good gosh, that's the first time I ever knew them things had colts."

#### 4 4 4

Cowboy-This here rope is used for ketchin' cows.

City Girl-Oh, how interesting; and what do you use for bait?

#### 30, 30, 30

Mother-Now Mary give Auntie a nice kiss-and what do you say when Auntie is going home?

Mary (shyly)-At last!

#### 2 2 2

Vincent Gerlach (While sweeping the manual training room)—I'd sure like to meet the guy that invented brooms.

Frank Blimel—Yeah—but just think of the trouble you'd be havin' with a tooth brush.

#### 2 2 2

Mrs. Lemmel—This makes the fifth time I have punished you this week. What have you to say?

William Given-I'm glad it's Friday.

#### 24. 34. 3

Ralph Schnabel—Say, Bub, what is your average income? Milton Shults—About midnight.

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